

Appl. No. 09/890,557  
Amdt. Dated March 8, 2005  
Reply to Office action of January 3, 2005  
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**Amendments to the Drawings:**

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig 1-2.

A Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheet(s) is being filed concurrently herewith under a separate cover. For your convenience, a copy of that filing is attached.

Attachment: Annotated Sheets of Drawings Showing Changes

Copy of Submittal of Drawing Replacement Sheets

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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

### **1.) Claim Amendments**

The Applicant has amended Claims 1, 9 and 10; Claim 4 has been cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

### **2.) Examiner Objections – Drawings**

The Drawings were objected to because in Figure 1, suitable meaningful legends are required for the inadequately labeled drawings. In Figure 2, reference numbers or numerals are preferred for "each" element and these should be cited in the proper places in the specification. Corrections to the drawings are shown on the enclosed sheets. The Examiner's approval of the drawing changes is respectfully requested.

### **3.) Examiner Objections – Specification**

The Examiner objected to the title because it is neither descriptive nor precise. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the specification. In response, the Applicant has modified the title as suggested by the Examiner. Applicant has also amended the specification to include those reference numbers specified in now amended Figure 2. The Examiner's consideration of the amended specification is respectfully requested.

### **4.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112**

The Examiner objected to Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's conditional allowance stating that Claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As suggested by the Examiner, Applicant

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has amended Claims 1, 9, and 10 accordingly. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested for all pending claims.

#### **5.) Prior Art Not Relied Upon**

In paragraph 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

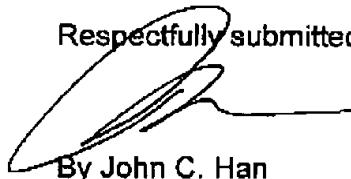
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### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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